

WSDOT Road Construction Update for Snohomish County

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State Route 530 is still open to traffic. Engineers have devised a [plan to stop the sliding slope](#) that threatens to close SR 530 on Skaglund Hill, west of Darrington. Crews working for WSDOT will start hauling in massive amounts of rock and build a large rock wall to stop the landslide in its tracks.

By the numbers:

560 feet: Width of the slipping slope (nearly two football fields worth of mud)

500 feet by 200 feet by 30 feet: Dimensions of the rock wall we're building

10,000: Number of dump truck loads of rock we're hauling in to build the rock wall

Thirty: Number of 300-foot-long drains we're installing into the hillside to help capture and remove water from deep underground that's causing the hillside to move

\$6 million: Cost of building the rock wall and installing the hillside drains

20 mph: Speed limit through the slide area

(425) 225-8670: SR 530 Slide Repair Hotline that driver, residents and those with business interests in the area can call for information

In the coming weeks, you'll see significant construction work and you may experience slight delays as you travel through the slide area. You can get all the latest information through our frequently updated [SR 530 Slide Repair Web page](#).

WSDOT helps train tomorrow's workforce

The 2006 Washington State legislature adjourned on March 8. One of the bills they passed during this session requires WSDOT to hire certain percentages of apprentices on many of our jobs.

WSDOT requested [this legislation](#). In our [apprenticeship program](#) we provide students and recent graduates the opportunity to gain on-the-job training and real-world work experience in diverse

disciplines, shaping them into skilled professionals. Using apprentices helps assure that a trained work force will be available in sufficient numbers to build projects in the future.

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